DIVING LOG

of

BERRY CANNON

7530-222-3521

FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE

(GPO)

PERSONAL DIVING LOG OF

BERRY CANNON -

STARTED 8 July 1967

8 July 1967 – WAKULLA DIVE # 1

WAKULLA SPRINGS – FLA.

LS: 0630 TBT:

LB: 0645 TDT:

R20': 0648 TTD:

R10':

RS:

MAX DEPTH: 200'

REMARKS: WATER NOT TOO CLEAR – GARRY LEFT 3 MINUTES EARLY, WAITED AT 180' FOR A SILHOUETTE OF WALLY & ME. THEN ~~[illegible]~~ GARRY DUG AROUND THE TUSK WHILE I LOOKED THE BOTTOM OVER WITH WALLY. GARRY TOOK PICS OF TUSK WITH RULER ADJACENT FOR REFERENCE. NOT MUCH NARCOSIS! (MILD) THE BLANCPAIN QUIT AT ≈ 160 FT. NO LEAKS.

DIDN'T GO ON RESERVE, HAD ABOUT 600 # LEFT.

NO TOP AT ALL, GOT COLD.

– WAKULLA DIVE # 2

4 NOVEMBER 1967 – WAKULLA DIVE # 3

WAKULLA SPRINGS, FLA.

LS: 1121 TBT:

LB: 1136 TDT:

R20': 1139 TTD: 83 MIN.

R10':

RS: 1244

MAX. DEPTH: 200'

REMARKS: WATER NOT CLEAR ENOUGH FOR A DIVE TO GRAND CANYON. STOP AT 180 TO CHECK 3 DEPTH GAGES. MINE SAID 161, GARRYS SAID 170. GARRY & WALLY DUG AT THE TUSKS. WALLY FOUND A NEW BIG BONE ≈ 2 FT FROM TUSK. SUSPECT A WHOLE ANIMAL MAY BE IN THE CLAY BANK.

QUITE A BIT OF NARCOSIS. MODERATE

RAN OUT OF AIR SO TERMINATED DIVE.

12 NOV. 67 — WAKULLA DIVE # 4

WAKULLA SPRINGS, FLA.

LS: 1010
RGC: 1016 230' — TBT: 15 @ 230'
LGC: 1017 230' — TDT: 60
RBP: 1018 230' — TTD: 75
LBP: 1019 230' — VIS: ≈ 130 ft.
L 180': 1025
R 20': 1028
~~L 20': 1045~~
R 10': 1045
RS: 1125

MAX. DEPTH: 230 FT.

REMARKS: Wally, Garry + I descended to 120' via weights. Helps narcosis + air consumption. At 180 ft, Garry's yellow, my Dacor light went out. Continued to Grand Canyon, looked around, crossed to corner, looked around. Wally stayed at ledge + gave us light. Those yellow lights really light up the cave. The boulder in cave middle past G.C. is huge. ≈ 50 ft long, 8-10 ft hi, ? on breadth. Wally could see entrance from ledge, faintly. Corner is sharp + roof really rises sharply at that point. Est. 60° L. Left corner at 09 min. B.T. stopped at Tusk (200') to dig + browse, then up for decompression. Moderate narcosis at 230'

Terminated dive when air ran out.

4 DEC. 67 — GULF, STAGE II

PANAMA CITY, FLA.

LS: 1020
RS: 1039 — McCrary + I, me with PQC-1A on
TBT: 18 — intelligibility test to WQC-1.
TDT: 1
TTD: 19 — 60 FT. DEPTH. VIS ≈ 15'

LS: 1300 — Pat + I with new (1967) Aquasonics
RS: 1323 — doing intelligibility study. No straps
TBT: 22 — on Bioengionics masks. (exciting)
TDT: 1
TTD: 23 — 60 ft. Dept — Vis ≈ 20'

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5 DEC 67 — GULF STAGE II

P.C., FLA.

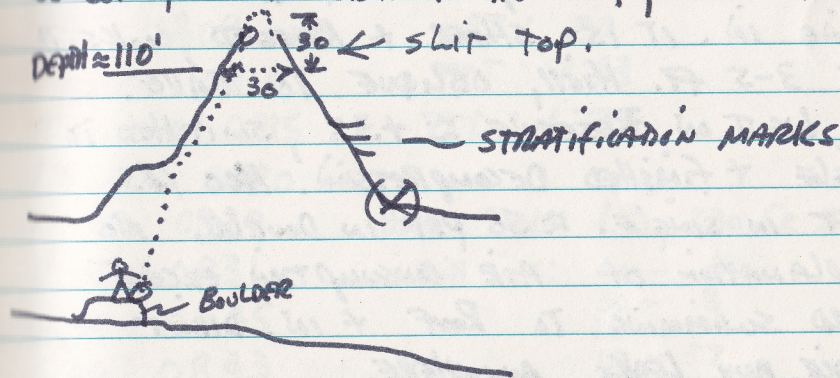
LS: 1043 — PQC-1A evaluation (Morris, USN, Buddy)
RS. 1102
TBT: 18 — 60 FT. — Vis ≈ 20 ft.
TDT: 1
TTD: 19

LS: 1307 — Aquasonic range measurement with
RS: 1331 — Pat. Kent + Mc at stage. ≈ 250 yds
TBT: 23 — ran out of cable to follow.
TDT: 1 — 60 ft. — Vis ≈ 25 ft.
TTD: 24

20 APRIL, 1968 WAKULLA DIVE #5
WAKULLA SPRINGS, FLA.

LS: 0807 CST 30' TBT: 15 @ 235
R CORNER: 0812 235' TDT: 60 MIN.
R BOULDER: 0813 235' TTD: 75 MIN
R MAX ASCENT: 0816 110' VIS: 7100'
R BOULDER: 0817 235'
L 180: 0822
R 20': 0825 DEC. SCHEDULE: 250 FOR 15
R 10': 0842 (17 MIN @ 20'
R S: 0922 37 MIN @ 10')

REMARKS: SPRING WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR. 2150 IN BOTH BOTTLES. NO DESCENT WEIGHTS USED. WALLY, GARRY & I WERE AT CORNER IN 5, WALLY PLACED A YELLOW & DACOR LITE SHINING ON THE CORNER. I TIED A NYLON LINE TO THE SAFETY LINE, RAN IT TO THE REEL ON THE BOULDER. GARRY & I STARTED ASCENT UP LINE AT +6. WALLY STAYED ON THE BOULDER WITH 2 YELLOW POINTING UP, UNREELING. WALLY HAD HIS SINGLE STRAPPED TO HIS DOUBLES WITH A CALYPSO FOR EMERGENCY AIR.

GARRY & I WENT UP TAKING THE FLOAT WITH US. I PANNED MY LIGHTS HORIZONTAL. KEPT LOOKING DOWN AT WALLYS LIGHTS. NO LEDGES, ROOF HAS SMALL POCKETS TYPICAL OF LIMESTONE CAVES, FAIRLY SMOOTH. WE GOT UP WITHIN SIGHT OF THE ROOF, ≈ 30-40 FT.

I NEVER LOST SIGHT OF WALLY'S LIGHTS OR THE CORNER LIGHTS. FROM THE TOP I COULD SEE WALL 360°. THE SLIT RUNS ROUGHLY E-W. ACROSS THE CAVE. I WAS PANNING HORIZONTAL & DOWN SO GARRY HAS A BETTER PICTURE OF THE TOP. WEST END DIES OUT INTO WALL, EAST END GOES ≈ 75' TO EAST. GARRY SAID IT LOOKED LIKE WE COULD GO AT LEAST ANOTHER 30 FOOT UP. CANT SEE BOTTOM FROM TOP, BUT CAN SEE WALLS REAL GOOD, ALSO WHERE ROOF INTERSECTS (X). NO CONCEPT OF HEIGHT SUCH AS AT LEDGE, DUE TO LACK OF LIGHT. GARRY SAW CORAL ON THE ROOF. WALLS ARE WHITE & CLEAN, NO ROOTS OR DIRT IN SIGHT. SAW NOTHING DISLODGED BY BUBBLES.

1 MIN. DESCENT, REACHING BOULDER AT +10. PICKED UP ALL LIGHTS, LOAFED ON

THE WAY OUT, LEAVING 180 FT AT +15. GOT A GOOD PERSPECTIVE OF THE LEDGE GOING IN. IT IS SHEER + RAGGED, LOOKS TO BE 3-5 FT. HIGH, OBLIQUE TO CAVE.

WENT ON RESERVE ≈ +35, SWITCHED TO SINGLE + FINISHED DECOMPRESSION. 1400 LBS LEFT IN SINGLE. ≈ 50 PSI IN DOUBLES. NO EXPLANATION OF AIR CONSUMPTION EXCEPT HARD SWIMMING TO ROOF + IN. DIDN'T NOTICE ANY LEAKS ANYWHERE.

FOUND LARGE LEAD BALL (MINIE ?) IN BOWL. WALLY HAD TINGLY FINGERTIPS FOR ≈ 2-3 HOURS BUT IT PASSED.

CHILLED DURING LAST 15 MINUTES OF DECOMPRESSION. UNCONTROLLABLE SHAKES IN SPASMS.

LOT OF LARGE CATFISH IN ROOF OF CAVE. COULD SEE LIGHT AT CORNER FROM ENTRANCE.

BEAUTIFUL DIVE!

4 MAY 1968 WAKULLA DIVE # 6

LS: 0809 CDT	TBT: 20
R CORNER: 0814	TDT: 1:13
R BOULDER: 0815	TTD: 1:33
L BOULDER: 0820	
L 180: 0829	USED TABLE 1.9, 230 FOR 25,
R 40: 0831	WHICH IS: 40 - 4
L 40: 0835	30 - 8
L 30: 0843	20 - 22
L 20: 0905	10 - 37
L 10: 0942	
RS: 0942	

SPRING WAS VERY CLEAR. I WORE A TRIPLE. 2150 IN TWINS, 1950 IN SINGLE. I FELT ABOUT 5# NEGATIVE. NO DESCENT WEIGHTS USED. AT CORNER IN 5. DIZZY AND SOMEWHAT DISORIENTED FROM NARCOSIS. TOLD WALLY. WAITED ≈ 1 MIN + IT CLEARED UP. AT ≈ 6 WALLY + GARRY STARTED UP. I WAITED ON BOULDER BY REEL + SAFETY LINE, WATCHED THEM GO UP. THEY LOOKED FAIRLY LARGE WHEN BACKLIGHTED. KEPT 1 YELLOW POINTED UP, STARTED OTHER SWEEPING FROM CORNER CCW. BOTTOM OF CAVE IS VERY ROUGH WITH BOULDERS, HOLES, LOOKED AGAIN AT WALLY, GARRY. REALIZED THAT REEL WAS NOT ON BOULDER, HAD SWUNG OUT DIRECTLY

UNDER THEM, WAS CAUGHT IN A CREVICE AT A BOULDER 20-30 FT OUT IN ROOM FROM MY BOULDER. COULD SEE LINE GOING ALL WAY UP TO ROOF. DECIDED TO REMAIN ON LINE + GUIDE THEM BACK WITH LIGHTS. ABOUT THIS TIME NOTICED I COULD SEE NO LIGHTS AT ALL OF GARRY + WALLY. THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WERE CHECKING FOR DAYLIGHT. AGAIN SWEPT WALL AT CORNER. PICKED UP THE RIDGE THAT RUNS UP TO ROOF, FORMS NORTH SIDE OF CREVASSE.

LOOKED UP. W + G COMING DOWN. SWAM OVER, GOT DACOR LITE AT CORNER, SWAM TO 180. GARRY TRIED OUT THE FLASH. WORKED. SWAM TO 40 FT ON PIPE, STARTED DECOMPRESSION. DIDN'T LIKE PIPE, WENT TO ROCK BY GARRY AT 40'. DOUBLES LASTED UNTIL I STARTED MY 10' DECOMPRESSION (~2 MIN), OR 54 MINUTES. USED SINGLE FOR 39 MINUTES, HAD 1000 PSI AFTER DIVE. AIR LASTS REAL GOOD AT 10 FT.

HAD NO TOP AT ALL, GOT VERY COLD.

SAW A ≈ 1 LB. BASS GUARDING EGGS LAID ON A GUNNY SACK REMNANT. VERY AGGRESSIVE, NOT AFRAID OF US.

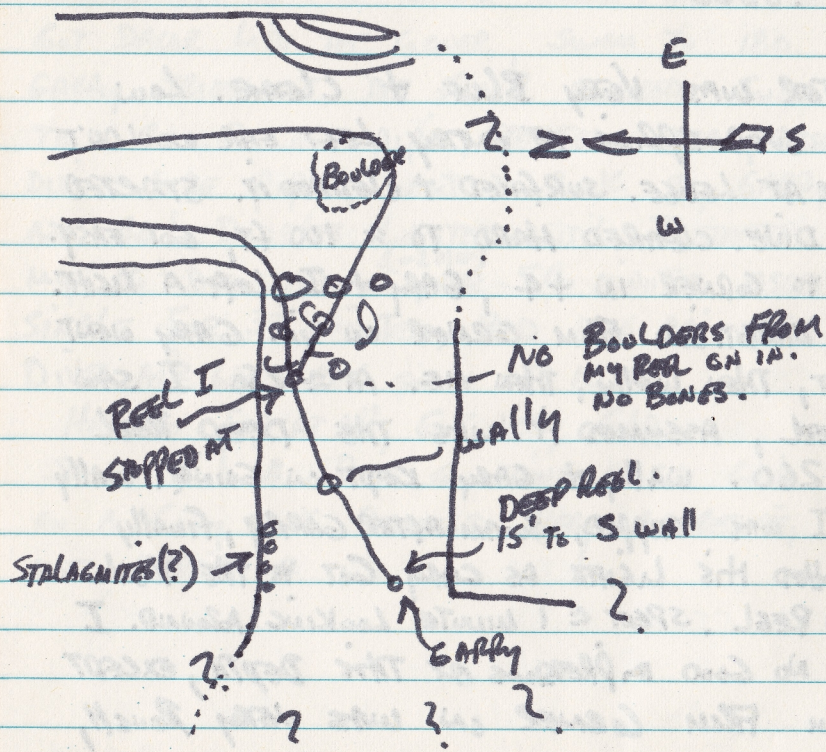
17 MAY 1968 WAKULLA DIVE # 7

LS: 0659 CDT
R180: 0701
RCORNER: 0703
R250': 0706
L250': 0707
R180': 0711
R20': 0714
L20: 0731
L10: 0808
RS: 0808

TBT: 12
TDT: 57
TTD: 69

USED OLD SPORTSWAYS TABLE
20' - 17 MIN
10' - 37 MIN
FOR 250' FOR 15 MIN. DIVE.

WATER WAS VERY BLUE + CLEAR. LOW MIST OVER SPRING AT ENTRY. LEFT EAR WOULDN'T CLEAR AT LEDGE. SURFACED + CLEARED IT. STARTED THE DIVE. CLEARED HARD TO ≈ 100 FT, GOT EASY. GOT TO CORNER IN +4, GARY + I LEFT A LIGHT. VERY NARCOTIZED FROM CORNER ON IN. GARY WENT FIRST, THEN WALLY, THEN ME. AT ≈ 250 I SAW A REEL, ASSUMED IT WAS THE DEEP REEL AT 260. WALLY + GARY KEPT ON GOING. WALLY SAW I WAS STOPPED, SWAM AFTER GARRY, FINALLY FLASHED HIS LIGHTS AS GARY GOT TO THE REAL DEEP REEL. SPENT ≈ 1 MINUTE LOOKING AROUND. I HAVE NO GOOD IMPRESSIONS AT THIS DEPTH, EXCEPT BOTTOM FROM CORNER ON WAS VERY ROUGH,

WITH HOLES & BOULDERS. FROM THE 250' REEL, COULDN'T SEE CORNER LIGHTS AT ALL, I GUESS BECAUSE I WAS IN A HOLE WITH BOULDERS IN THE WAY. STARTED OUT, WALLY + GARRY'S LIGHTS LOOKED GREEN. I FORGOT THAT WE WERE TO STOP AT CORNER + MOVE REEL (TO ROOF) BACK TO BOULDER. SWAM ON SLOWLY. COULD SEE ENTRANCE LIGHT FROM CORNER. GARRY MOVED REEL, THEY FOLLOWED ME OUT. I FORGOT TO STOP AT TUSK SO WE MADE IT TO LEDGE WITH A 15 MINUTE DIVE.

MAP DRAWN FROM WALLY'S IMPRESSIONS. LOT OF GRAVEL ON FLOOR. NO BOULDERS PAST MY (250') REEL.

THE REEL WHERE GARRY WAS WAS ≈ 15 FEET FROM THE SOUTH WALL. THEY DIDN'T SEE THE WALL ON EARLIER DIVES. NORTH WALL HAS ≈ 40' CEILING, WITH COLUMNAR, WHITE OBJECTS SIMILAR TO STALAGMITES HIGH UP ON THE WALL. JUST PAST THE REEL, SOUTH WALL TURNS SHARPLY TO LEFT (SOUTH), REGION AROUND CORNER UNKNOWN. LIKEWISE REGION ON NORTH WALL PAST STALAGMITES.

QUESTION: IS THIS ANOTHER BIG ROOM TURNING TO SOUTH, OR DOES THE TUNNEL SPLIT UP? BECAUSE OF DEPTH LIMITATIONS, WILL BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLORE MUCH FURTHER.